

## BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

### October 29, 2020

#### Events

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**BPA Webinar: Lighting Calculator 5.1**

Please join the BPA lighting team on Thursday, Nov. 5, from noon - 1:00 p.m., for an informational webinar highlighting the recently-released Lighting Calculator 5.1...[More](#)

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**BPA Webinar: Comfort Ready Home Marketing Tools**

Please join BPA on Thursday, Nov. 12, from noon - 1:00 p.m., for a one-hour discussion on how marketing tools from BPA and Comfort Ready Home can support your weatherization program. Your guidance on how to enhance these tools and use them in the market over time is crucial will be crucial to bolstering weatherization programs in the Northwest...[More](#)

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**Save the Date: 2020 virtual regional utility roundtable**

This fall's virtual regional utility roundtable dates are scheduled. BPA will hold roundtables in a virtual format via Webex to maintain the health and safety of the region and BPA employees. BPA facilitates these annual gatherings to hear direct feedback from our public utility customers regarding various important energy efficiency topics.

Your energy efficiency representative will contact you with a calendar invite for your regional roundtable. We look forward to you and your fellow utility representatives joining the BPA energy-efficiency team for discussions on topics focused on your utility and end-use customers...[More](#)

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## General

### **Utility Sounding Board vacancies as of Jan. 2021**

BPA is excited to announce it is seeking nominees to serve on the Utility Sounding Board, or USB. Three open seats will be available in Jan. 2021.

#### About the USB

The USB is a consultative body that supports the implementation of BPA efficiency programs. The USB provides recommendations to BPA on policy, programs, infrastructure development and the execution of

BPA's Energy Efficiency program, or EE. The USB also offers members the opportunity to learn from and share best practices with their utility peers...[More](#)

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## Program Updates

### **PTCS Remote Quality Assurance Inspections and Contractor SPIF Incentive**

The Performance Tested Comfort Systems program, or PTCS, is piloting remote quality assurance, or QA, inspections of PTCS air source heat pumps to improve the program and reduce costs. To increase uptake across the region, PTCS is offering a \$250 contractor Sales Performance Incentive Fund, or SPIF...[More](#)

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### **Momentum Savings & market research quarterly call rescheduled to December**

Please note BPA rescheduled the quarterly call to Thursday, Dec. 17 from 9-10 a.m. The BPA market research team will introduce new team members, present some fundamental concepts of Momentum Savings and share details of its FY2021 work plan that covers multiple markets and technologies. [Visit this webpage for meeting details](#). Hope you can attend!

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### **Low-Income Workgroup Discussion on Nov. 17**

Please join BPA's next Low-Income Workgroup on Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., to discuss the Comfort Ready Home program and the Low-Income New Opportunities Guide. Registration is required to save the date and attend the webinar. During this webinar...[More](#)

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## Reminders

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### **New Advanced Smart Thermostat marketing tools available for the holiday season**

The holiday season brings great discounts on many of your favorite products, including advanced smart thermostats. Many manufacturers and retailers offer seasonal, limited-time discounts on qualifying units, which when combined with our [promotional incentive](#) of up to \$175, significantly reduces the up-front cost for end-users. Popular models on BPA's [Smart Thermostat Qualified Products List](#) may be available for less than \$50 after discounts and utility incentives...[More](#)

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### **NW Ductless Heat Pump Project offers new installer trainings**

The NW Ductless Heat Pump Project is offering a [fall webinar series](#) on best practices for cold climate and extended-capacity ductless systems...[More](#)

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### **Momentum Savings projects move forward in four markets**

Now that BPA's Market Research and Momentum Savings team is fully staffed, they have been busy on the following four projects:

- **Nonresidential lighting:** The final update of the nonresidential lighting market model for the Seventh Power Plan period is in progress and the work will conclude in early 2022. The model update will provide robust data about changes in lighting energy consumption over the Plan period's entirety.
- **Commercial HVAC:** Starting in early 2021, the team will begin collecting publicly available building permits to gain insight into technologies used in major renovation and new construction projects.
- **Adjustable speed drives:** BPA recently embarked on a market characterization project for adjustable speed drives and is currently conducting market actor interviews.
- **Residential HVAC:** BPA is also validating and updating its residential HVAC model assumptions by analyzing 2019 regional distributor sales data, interviewing market actors on changes in the industry in response to COVID-19, collecting shipment data for **smart thermostat products** and developing model assumptions and inputs for **insulation**.

Please email your questions or requests for additional information on any of these research areas to [momentumsavings@bpa.gov](mailto:momentumsavings@bpa.gov).

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